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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 July 2008.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1 and 3-10 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1 and 3-10 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/0256/06)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's Amendment filed on July 7, 2008 is acknowledged.

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending. Claim 2 is cancelled by Applicant.

Rejection is maintained as it was set forth in previous Office action mailed on April 11, 2008, but altered due to amendment of claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. Claims 1 and 3 -10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hori et al. (US 2002/0193555).

Regarding Claims 1 and 3-10 Hori discloses titanium catalyst(see [0025]) for process of preparation of a polyester resin by polycondensation of an aromatic dicarboxylic acid with aliphatic diol (see abstract and [0162]) useful for production of blow molded products (see [0206]), wherein titanium catalyst present in form of solution, containing mixture of titanium, aliphatic diol and polyhydric alcohol – see abstract and [0025].

Regarding limitations of Claims 1, 4,7 and 8 : Hori discloses that , titanium compound may be present in solution in the amount from 0.3wt.% to 10wt% (see [0125]), aliphatic diol (as ethylene glycol) can present in the amount more than 80 wt.% (see [0310]) and amount of a polyhydric alcohol (glycerol) in a range from 1wt.% to 50 wt.% - see [0029].

Regarding limitation of Claim 1,4 and 6 as " a titanium containing solution , wherein said titanium is a monomeric or a polymeric titanium compound including not

more than 100 units" : Hori discloses substantially same composition and process for preparation of titanium containing solution (see [0025] and [0026]), therefore titanium compound will inherently has same chemical composition and structure , including degree (number) of units.

Same related to limitation of Claim 6: as substantially same, titanium containing solution disclosed by Hori, will inherently have same particle sizes as it claimed by applicant in Claim 6.

Regarding limitation of Claims 3 and 5: Hori discloses that titanium containing solution can comprise water in the amount from 0.05 wt5 to 2wt.5 – see [0028].

Thus, Hori anticipate claimed subject matter of Claims 1 and 3 -10.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed on July 11,2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments related to Claims 1 and 3 -10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hori et al. (US 2002/0193555) based on statement that catalyst disclosed by Hori is different from catalyst claimed by Applicant, because Hori use different method for preparation of this catalyst: specifically step dehydro- drying which may lead to catalyst of higher Molecular weight. This argument was find unpersuasive, because Hori discloses two catalyst - one as first catalyst - this catalyst is solid and produced by method , including drying step (see [0013] and [0021]) and **second catalyst** , obtained by substantially same method as it claimed by Applicant without drying step.- see [0025] and [0026].

For this reason Applicant's arguments were found unpersuasive.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GENNADIY MESH whose telephone number is (571)272-2901. The examiner can normally be reached on 10 a.m - 6 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272 1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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